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REYNAUD DENIES INTENTION TO SEEK NEGOTIATIONS WITH VIET MINH

French vice-premier Paul Reynaud's executive secretary sought out American embassy officials in Paris Wednesday to deny the Alsop story that Reynaud wanted to negotiate with the Viet Minh. Reynaud's spokesman said Reynaud favored evacuation only as a last resort. He supports active prosecution of the war until negotiations on an international plane are possible, preferably as part of any post-Korea political conference or in five-power talks.

In the embassy's opinion Reynaud is making an effort to retract views which he now realizes went too far. The embassy thinks that Secretary for Associated States Jacquet may have been giving "an exaggerated interpretation of what he would like to claim are Reynaud's true wishes" on the problem.

Comment: Having thus gone out of his way to reestablish himself in the good graces of the embassy, Reynaud is now likely to be even more insistent than he has in the past on the need for international negotiations on Indochina. In particular he may urge even harder that at Berlin Premier Laniel should agree to five-power talks on the Far East.

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